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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SOMALI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OGADEN

REF: A) STATE 060457 B) BONN 4288

1. AT MARCH 9 RECEPTION IN THEIR HONOR, KENYAN VICE
PRESIDENT MOI AND FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI TOLD
POLITICAL COUNSELOR THEY AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO MOVEMENT
OF SOMALI FORCES THROUGH KENYA AND ARE PREPARED TO HAVE
US INFORM SOMALI GOVERNMENT (GOS) OF THIS. THEY
LISTED CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO THIS MOVEMENT:

A. GOS SHOULD CONTACT GOK AND SEND OFFICER TO
MEET WITH LATTER (PRESUMABLY IN NAIROBI) TO DISCUSS
MATTER.

B. SOMALI OFFICER SHOULD PROCEED TO AREA OF
TRANSFER ALONG WITH KENYAN OFFICERS.

C. A CORRIDOR MUST BE AGREED UPON.
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D. SOMALI FORCES CANNOT PASS THROUGH KENYA
WITH THEIR WEAPONS. THEY MUST SURRENDER THEM AT AN
AGREED UPON PLACE. THE WEAPONS WOULD THEN BE TRUCKED
TO A POINT IN SOMALIA (PRESUMABLY WHERE THEY COULD BE
PICKED UP BY SOMALI TROOPS UPON LEAVING KENYA).

E. GOK WOULD LIKE THE OAU INVOLVED IN SUPERVISING THIS, "PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF NIGERIA".

2. MOI AND WAIYAKI MENTIONED THAT THEY ASSUMED SOME 10,000 SOMALI TROOPS WOULD BE INVOLVED. THEY ESTIMATED IT WOULD TAKE THE TROOPS SOME 3 DAYS TO WALK ALONG THE LIKELY DESIGNATED ROUTE THROUGH KENYA. IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT TRUCK TRANSPORT WOULD BE AVAILABLE BUT THE KENYANS COULD NOT SAY FOR SURE AT THIS POINT.

3. THE POSITION CONVEYED TO US HAS BEEN WORKED OUT IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN KENYAN OFFICIALS HERE AND THE GOK IN NAIROBI. THE KENYAN DELEGATION WILL LEAVE BONN ON FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 10. THEY WILL ARRIVE IN NAIROBI ON SATURDAY AND CONSULT FURTHER. AT THAT POINT THEY WILL BE IN A POSITION TO GIVE US A MORE DEFINITE AND DETAILED REPLY. HOWEVER, WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TOLD HERE IS AN OFFICIAL POSITION IN PRINCIPLE WHICH THE KENYANS EXPECT US TO COMMUNICATE TO THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT.
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